Millom Urban Sanitary District.

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health.

Summary of action taken during the year ending December 31st, 1904, to prevent the spread of disease.

Small-Pox.—No cases.

Scarlet Fever.—129 cases. Three deaths. These cases were a continuation of the epidemic of last year, when we had 422 cases. It still continues, 14 cases being reported during the month of December. I believe the only way to get rid of it altogether is by an Isolation Hospital to which the first cases could be removed at once.

Diphtheria.—14 cases., no deaths. I can find no connection or common source of infection between these cases. They occur at long intervals, and at quite different parts of the District. It is very doubtful if it was real Diphtheria, for as far as I could learn, none were treated with serum, and there were no deaths. At the same time every precaution as regards isolation and infection was taken.

Membranous Croup.—One case, one death.

Erysipelas.—Eleven cases.

Enteric Fever.—Two cases.

Enteritis.—One death.

Influenza.—Sixteen deaths.

Other Tubercular Diseases.—None.

Cancer.—Five deaths.

Measles.—A few cases. No deaths.

Whooping Cough.—A number of cases, seven deaths.

Water has been good in quality, and ample in quantity. No water is used but that supplied from the Council's mains.

House Accommodation. — More than required, there being not less than 100 houses vacant at the present moment. Thirty-two new ones have been built during the year. Plenty of air space is allowed, and they are well adapted for their requirements. The number now in the District is 1,985.

Excrement.—Water Closets all over the District. No defects.

Removal and Disposal of House Refuse.—This is done by the Council's own carts and workmen. The removals were 25,683, as compared with 17,243 last year.

Sewerage and Drainage is complete in all parts of the District, and is under constant supervision, and all defects are at once made good.

Common Lodging Houses, Slaughter Houses, Dairies, Cowsheds, Bakehouses, have been inspected during the year, and any nuisance or defect at once reported to the owner or occupier.

Offensive Trades.—Not any.

Nuisances. — Notices are served without delay, and in almost every case are attended to at once. Six yard drains were cleared or repaired. Four yards paved or re-laid. 15 w.c.'s cleared or repaired. 15 slopstone pipes repaired, and four nuisances removed.

Notification of Disease.—Scarlet Fever, 129. Enteric, 2. Erysipelas, 11. Diphtheria, 14. Croup, 1. Total 157.

This is a decrease of 265 on last year. Disinfectants were supplied gratuitously in every case. House, clothing, bedding, &c., fumigated or sent through the steam disinfector, and the School Attendance Officer and Librarian received early notice of each case.

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Isolation Hospital.—We are still without one. Some work has been done in the matter, and we are somewhat nearer our object.

Factory and Workshops.—These have been visited in the ordinary course of inspection. A special officer has now been appointed to carry out the provisions of the new Act.

Reports have been sent to each Council meeting during the year, shewing the systematic inspection made during the interval between each meeting. With the Inspector of Nuisances, each house has been visited at least once during the year, and a special visit was made to each house reported as having Infectious Disease, or other nuisance to which special attention was called.

Zymotic Disease caused 14 deaths, a decrease of 17 on last year.

Deaths.—129, or 11.78 per 1,000. a decrease of 35 on last year. 33 were under one year, or 3.19 per 1,000, a decrease of 23. Twenty of the deaths registered were over 70 years of age, including 5 at 80, 1 at 85, and 1 at 97.

Births.—245, or 22.37 per 1,000. a decrease of 72 on last year. This and the number of deaths is no doubt accounted for by the large number of men who have left the town owing to the completion of the Sea Wall.

Statistical Tables as required by the Local Government Board are enclosed.

(Signed),

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Feby. 2nd, 1905.